



October 1, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On September 25, 2020 Governor Whitmer signed [Executive Order 2020-185](#). This order expands the requirement to wear a facial covering in the classroom for all students kindergarten and up. Prior orders had strongly recommended, but not required, a face covering for students in grades kindergarten through five while in the classroom.

As a result of this order, effective Monday, October 5th, all Three Rivers Community School students in our elementary classrooms (Young Fives - 5th Grade) as well as our GSRP classrooms, will now be required to wear facial coverings while in classrooms. Face coverings are still required for grades 6th - 12th as well.

In addition to this update on facial coverings for our elementary students, we would like to take this opportunity to share additional information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as it relates to appropriate facial coverings.

- Wear masks with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Do NOT wear masks intended for healthcare workers, for example, N95 respirators.
- CDC does not recommend the use of gaiters or face shields. Evaluation of these face covers is on-going but effectiveness is unknown at this time.

Students and staff will no longer be allowed to wear gaiters or bandannas as alternatives to masks while in our school buildings. Please note for athletics that there are existing exceptions for this ruling for specific athletics settings as set forth in the MHSAA facial covering requirements.

For more information on facial covering care and wear, please visit the CDC website at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Thank you for your understanding and continuing support in practicing good hygiene and safety protocols relative to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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Ron Moag- Superintendent